

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011**

7:00 P.M. PROMPT

- DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
- DISCUSSION OF QUOTES FOR COLOR COPIER – Mr. Gambosi
DISCUSSION OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS ✓ Time and Material Contracts
Training – Mr. Gambosi
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Personnel

Bedford, Ohio

January 3, 2011

Bedford City Council met in a work session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Dan Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizzsak, Greg Pozar, Don Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Kathleen Lynch. Administration: City Manager Henry Angelo, Law Director Ken Schuman and Finance Director Frank Gambosi.

The Mayor began the Work Session with discussion of the Regular Meeting Agenda. He said the swearing-in of the two new police officers will be done by the City Manager.

Mr. Schuman said there is only one ordinance on tonight's agenda, Ordinance No. 8783-11. This ordinance amends certain sections of the previous contract with Impact Group for the new city website. Mr. Schuman said there was some discrepancy as to who owns what on the website. Mr. Schuman and Mr. Angelo will be meeting with Tom Speaks to go over some concerns he has with the changes. Therefore, the ordinance should be put on first reading tonight. Mr. Angelo said it is necessary to make these changes so the city does not lose the information on the website.

Discussion of the regular meeting agenda concluded.

Mayor Pocek asked Mr. Angelo if there was any news from the Sister of Charity of the property that also contains Catered Elegance. Mr. Angelo said yes, Sr. Barbara will be in town next week and a meeting is set for Monday, January 10, 2011 with her and Mr. Heffernan. The meeting is at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Angelo invited the Mayor, Councilwoman Zolata and Vice-Mayor Koci to attend. Mr. Angelo said Mr. Mallis is trying to set up a meeting with Phil Switz of Catered Elegance and L'arsh, the company interested in the property.

The next item on the work session agenda was the discussion of the computer systems and quotes for a color copier. Mr. Gambosi said several ordinances were done at the last meeting for the software and hardware of the new computer system the city is working on. However, there will be more forthcoming dealing with the time and material of Simplex-IT.

Councilwoman Mizzsak said the total amount for the upgrades is approximately \$106,000 and asked if the new ordinances would be in addition to that. Mr. Gambosi said that total is an overall estimate for the entire project, but there could be some changes as situations arise.

Councilman Saunders asked if it was cheaper to buy new computers or to redo them. Mr. Gambosi said both new computers will be bought and some will be upgraded. The cost of the new Dell computers was approximately \$500.

Mr. Gambosi has been researching color copiers for City Hall for quite a bit of time and has several quotes. The copier that is currently at City Hall would then be sent to the Service Department. Mr. Gambosi said the Recreation Department has a color copier and they have to do several of our projects. The lowest quote Mr. Gambosi has is \$6,986.

Mr. Angelo said Mr. Gambosi started researching this in April and if he says that is the best price than it is. Mayor Pocek asked if any members had any objection, there was no reply. Mr. Gambosi said the ordinance will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Pocek asked Mr. Schuman what the status of the city's PUCO filing was. Mr. Schuman said nothing has been done yet on it. The Mayor asked how many lawsuits the city has pending currently.

Mr. Schuman said the city is not a defendant in any lawsuit but is suing one plaintiff, Jatsek Construction, for the waterline issue at the old Taylor Chair site.

Mr. Angelo said the Chamber of Commerce called and would like to schedule the State of the City for Wednesday, January 19. Mayor Pocek will be returning from Washington, D.C. that evening and asked if Vice-Mayor Koci would be able to fill in for him. Mr. Koci said yes.

Mr. Angelo said the city recently received information that we were awarded a grant for approximately \$300,000 to do several waterlines. The waterline on Grand Blvd. is mostly likely what will be done. Also, on February 1, the city will launch its new water bill, enabling the city to communicate more with the residents.

Councilman Batten said a couple of months ago a printout of the costs of the Weekend of the Pookah were given to Council. It showed the event as breaking even. He knows there is still an outstanding bill of \$6,000 for the tent rentals from ABC and wants to know who is paying for that. Mr. Gambosi said with the donations that were promised to the Arts and Cultural Board it would be a break even event. However, they are still waiting on a few of those donations to come in, and some didn't come through. Mr. Gambosi will look further into this and report back to Council.

Councilwoman Mizzak asked that the work area signs that were placed on Button Road for the asphaltting be taken down. Mr. Angelo said that will be done.

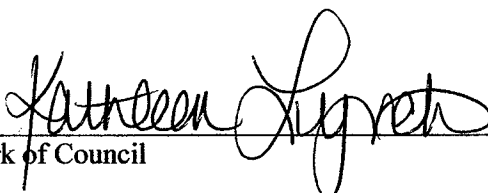
Councilman Pozar said there is also still asphalt on the side of the road from that project and asked if that could be cleaned out so it does not go into the sewers.

Councilwoman Zolata asked how many internet cafes are operating in the city. Mr. Angelo said there is one in the plaza where Zepp's Pizza is located and it is very busy. There is also one going in across from Sirna's. Mrs. Zolata said there was some concern about one possibly going in the Enterprise location on Broadway. Mr. Angelo said that application was denied because of its proximity to a Church.

Councilman Saunders asked if a final check could be done on Adams. It appears they asphalted the end at Columbus when it was too cold and it is buckling. Mr. Angelo said it will be done.

At this time, Bedford City Council and Administration went into an executive session to discuss Personnel issues.

Work Session was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor - President of Council

~~1.~~ CALL TO ORDER~~2.~~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~3.~~ ROLL CALL~~4.~~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ~~a.~~ Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of December 20, 2010
- ~~b.~~ Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010

~~5.~~ SWEARING-IN

- ~~a.~~ Swearing in of Valentine Closs as Patrolman of the Bedford Police Department -
- ~~b.~~ Swearing in of John Lobenthal as Patrolman of the Bedford Police Department-

~~6.~~ REPORTS

- ~~a.~~ City Manager
- ~~b.~~ Law Director
- ~~c.~~ Finance Director
- ~~d.~~ Council Reports

~~7.~~ NEW BUSINESS

- ~~a.~~ Ordinance No. 8783-11, authorizing the City Manager to execute amendments to the Service Agreement between the City of Bedford and the Impact Group for the City website

- 1st reading

~~8.~~ HEARING OF CITIZENS9. ADJOURNMENT

Bedford, Ohio

January 3, 2011

Bedford City Council met in regular session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, January 3, 2011. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Work Session of December 20, 2010. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Pozar seconded by Koci to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Valentine Closs was sworn in as Patrolman of the Bedford Police Department by City Manager Angelo. Patrolman Closs's wife and mother pinned the badge on him. An introduction of family and friends was made.

At this time, John Lobenthal was sworn in as Patrolman of the Bedford Police Department by City Manager Angelo. Patrolman Lobenthal's wife pinned the badge on him. An introduction of family and friends was made.

Mr. Angelo said in line with what was just done, there are firefighter interviews set up for next week. There are seven candidates and the City will be hiring a firefighter to replace the recent retirement. There will be a new water bill coming out on February 1 and there will be an area for community messages from the City Manager, Administration or Council. There is also a possibility of adding additional pages for different service organizations to advertise their events at their cost.

Mr. Angelo said CEI will begin tree trimming this month, the list of the streets is not yet available.

No report from the Law Director.

Mr. Gambosi said the last police entrance exam had only 30 candidates, but a lot of qualified individuals. These two were off of this list.

Mr. Koci wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Zolata said Happy New Year and congratulated the two new patrolman. These are not new hires, they are replacing individuals that have retired. Mrs. Zolata asked if the rubbish company will be picking up the Christmas trees or will the City chip them. Mr. Angelo is not sure, but he will find out and let her know.

Councilwoman Mizensak said also Happy New Year and congratulated the two patrolman. She said while Val Closs was the animal warden, she had to put her dog down. Val took the dog for her down to the Animal Protective League, and he did a very good job of helping and he will be just as caring while serving as patrolman.

Councilman Pozar said everyone in the room are the regulars at the Council meetings, and the mainstays of keeping government open. It is a pleasure to have everyone here every meeting. He encouraged all of them to bring one more person with them to the meetings. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and hopes the City will be prosperous in 2011.

Councilman Saunders wished all a Happy and Healthy New Year. Mr. Saunders said those members of St. Eugene and the Orthodox persuasion celebrate Christmas later this week, so Merry Christmas to them.

Mr. Saunders said recently more people are putting their rubbish out on Saturdays and Sundays. Are there any neighborhood patrols telling people to take their rubbish back in? Mr. Angelo is looking into setting up a program where anyone can put a red tag out on the rubbish. Currently, only police officers and auxiliary can do this and on the weekends they are probably not doing it. Mr. Saunders said in his neighborhood the pick up day is Wednesday so there is rubbish blowing all over. He said there are also more and more people parking on the street overnight and none seem to be ticketed. Mr. Angelo asked Mr. Saunders to give him addresses when he sees these things.

ORDINANCE NO. 8783-11, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute amendments to the Service Agreement between the City of Bedford and the Impact Group Public Relations/Marketing Communications, Inc. ("Impact Group") and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Motion made by Koci seconded by Batten to place Ordinance No. 8783-11 on first reading. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that concluded the business portion of the meeting and asked if in anyone in the audience had any comments.

Stan Kobus, 53 Dewhurst, has been a resident of Bedford for 43 years and is looking for some closure with an on going problem for many years. He and Councilman Batten have had several discussions about it, and Mr. Batten has made progress with the problem of Tim Lally's lights on the west side of their building. Mr. Kobus brought a photograph to show the members of Council.

Mayor Pocek asked if the picture could be kept. Mr. Kobus said no, but it could be passed around. Mayor Pocek asked if the picture was from Mr. Kobus' yard. Mr. Kobus said yes. Mr. Kobus said Councilman Batten has had the lights shut off, but they always turn them back on after a few weeks. This cycle happens constantly and he would like some closure. Mr. Kobus said are they going to be turned off, or lowered. Tim Lally enlarged their parking lot, and in doing so cut down all the trees that were the buffer zone. Mayor Pocek said it blocked the light, and Mr. Kobus said yes at that time. It gets worse with CEI cutting the trees down. Tim Lally is cutting trees down and they fall over the fence and knock it down. The fence isn't to code. Mr. Kobus brought this to the City's attention several years ago and he would like to see something happen with the lights. After all of the years and the discussions with Councilman Batten something should be done. There has been nothing positive done.

Mr. Angelo said Councilman Batten brought this to his attention and the Building Commissioner Phil Seyboldt did go to Tim Lally and take a look at the situation. The report he received from Mr. Seyboldt was that because of the leaves gone, that creates the problem. Mr. Angelo asked if this was part of the problem. Mr. Kobus said no, it is a year long problem. The trees are almost all gone. Mr. Kobus offered to show another picture, but Mr. Angelo said the picture provided makes it clear there is daylight all day long.

Mr. Kobus said if Mr. Seyboldt just looked from the road, it can't be seen. The lights are higher than the houses. Mr. Angelo said unfortunately he does not have a good answer tonight but will look further into this.

Mayor Pocek asked the Clerk to make a color copy of the picture Mr. Kobus provided. Mr. Kobus said that is fine. However, seven years ago when he went through this nothing was recorded. Mayor Pocek said it is recorded now.

Councilman Koci asked if Mr. Kobus had another picture that showed something different. Mr. Kobus provided a second picture to Council for review. Copies of both pictures were made and are on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

There being no further comments, motion made by Koci seconded by Batten to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council